

Opihi - on campus



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Congratulations to the Opihi College Year 9 &10 Netball team who travelled to Christchurch in July to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Development tournament, finishing with a final placing of 16th.



*Back row: Abbey Keen, Aaliyah Fenton, Shyanne McCarron, Madi Heurea, Mya Stratford, Mercedes Mulder
Front row: Emily Black, Kayleigh Wright, Leia Richards, Tyla Smith, Sophie Leonard, Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris*

Thank you to the girls for being such an awesome group to take away. We were all so proud to be associated and work with these lovely groups of girls over the tournament and hope that you have learned lots! Every single player developed their skills and netball game while we were away and that was down to the girls listening and their drive to want to be on that court!

A big thank you to Miss Den Baars, Miss Griffiths and Miss Wylie for their support and care throughout the three days 24/7 on and off the court... Also to the families that supported these girls both at the courts and in getting your daughters there! Your yummy food and voices on the sidelines were much appreciated by the whole team.

Player of tournament/ongoing attitude: Te Horo Awhina Te Rahui Harris and Madi Heurea

Lastly a shout out to Tegan Robertson who was our umpire for this tournament. Without her we wouldn't have been able to go, so THANKS HEAPS!!!!



From Across the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora tatou

The final week of last term flew by and it was great to see parents/ whanau attend our end of term assembly where we celebrated the successes of our students. Most notable and overdue was the opportunity to recognise those students who have gained a Vocational Pathway Endorsement in their NCEA qualification. Details of the recipients appears elsewhere in this newsletter. This endorsement is a recognition of student achievement and is a valuable qualification for students as they transition to employment, training or into tertiary study.

The holiday was a trying time with the severe frost bursting pipes around the school and causing some flooding. Fortunately we were able to get cleaned up and ready to start the new term with minimal disruption. This is thanks to the great efforts of our wonderful support staff who worked hard during the break to be ready for the new term. I know that some families had similar issues with burst pipes and I do hope that you have been able to recover as quickly as we have.

Careers option evening

This year we will be having a slightly different careers option evening with a guest speaker who will talk to students, families/ whanau and local employers about the value of the vocational pathways qualifications. There will also be an opportunity to see how this qualification will support students as they move from school to employment, training or tertiary study. An invitation is extended to all parents and I strongly encourage parents and students from Year 9 upwards to attend this evening. A letter will be sent home with students in the next two weeks. Please mark in your diary the 18 August to attend this event.

Year 9 and 10 Netball Tournament

During the holidays a group of girls attended the South Island Netball Tournament in Christchurch. Our girls played well and had a great time. I visited them for one of their games and they were in great spirits and had a very convincing win in the game that I saw. My thanks to Miss den Baars, Miss Griffiths and Miss Wylie for giving up their time to provide this opportunity to the students during their holiday time.

Start of the new term

On the first day of the new term I spoke to all the students about how important it is for students to work hard now, so that they can enjoy their rewards later in life. It is important to note that this term is just ten weeks and then for the senior students they will have just three and half weeks before some will be eligible for study leave. This really is the time to settle and focus on the work in order to enjoy the rewards in January when external results are released.

Finally

I look forward to a successful term and I hope some warmer weather is on its way to us all soon.

Ka kite ano
Mike Wright

NCEA Vocational Pathway Endorsements



NCEA Level 2
80 credits

Vocational Pathways Award
60 Level 2 credits from the recommended pathway(s)

Of which
20 credits
must be sector related standards

Congratulations to the following students:

Primary Industries Endorsement

Jaime Gould Shaydon Pritchard

Creative Industries Endorsement

Serena Hansen Almaree Pearson
Sara-Jane Steele Casey-Jayne Wilson



| FOR YOUR CALENDAR | | |
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| July | 25 | Hypnotist Show <i>Opihi Netball fundraiser</i> |
| | 27 | Aoraki Table Tennis |
| | 31 | International Food Market Day |
| | 31 | Yr 9&10 Kaiapoi camp - Form & deposit due |
| | 31 | Mt Hutt Ski Trip - Balance of payment due |
| August | 5 | Yr12 Science Field Trip To Antarctic Centre |
| | 18 | Careers & Options Evening 7.00 pm |
| | 21 | Mt Hutt Ski Trip |
| September | 9-11 | Wanaka Ski Trip Yr 9-10 |
| | 26 | End of Term 3 |
| October | 13 | Start of Term 4 |

MT HUTT SKI TRIP

All students will now be skiing on 21st August (weather dependent). A notice has gone home to all students registered for this trip. If your child is unable to attend, please contact the school office as there is a waiting list of students wishing to join this trip.

YEAR 9 & 10 CAMP

Reminder to all Year 9 & 10 students who would like to go on the camp to Blue Skies in Kaiapoi in November, please return your form with \$30 deposit to the school office **by 31st July**.



CONGRATULATIONS

Tegan Robertson ~ received her Silver C badge
 Jacob Thompson ~ received his Silver R badge
 Saphira Barlow ~ received her Bronze B badge
 Dom Barrett-Waihape ~ received his Silver E badge
 Megan Calder ~ received her Silver E badge
 Shaydon Campbell ~ received her Bronze E badge
 Zac Campbell ~ received his Bronze E badge
 Emma Gould ~ received her Silver C badge
 Kalani Lawson ~ received her Bronze E badge

WEEKLY CARE CARD WINNERS

3 July 2015 Brooke Thomas

INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKET DAY

It's on again - Friday 31st July

at lunchtime in the quad. The year 11 Business class have been busy developing business ideas around running a food stall at the International Food Market Day. This is your opportunity to support these students by buying some delicious dishes from around the world. Throughout Term 2 they have been learning about marketing, people management, finances and how to run a "successful" business.

Company Profiles:



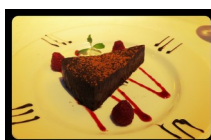
Sharmeela Gaddam's business is called 'Sharmeela's Chinese Fried Rice'. She will be selling bowls of delicious Chinese fried rice for \$3.50.

Holley Crichton business is called 'Greek Ambrosia' she is selling delicious bowls of ambrosia for \$2.50.



Tegan Robertson and Neko Prentice's business is called 'Oishii Sushi'. They will be selling handmade sushi for \$1.00 per piece or 6 for \$5.50.

Jacob Thompson's business is called 'Jacob's Pizza'. He will be selling Hawaiian Pizza (Pizza Hut) for \$1.00 per slice.



Alex Drummond's business is called 'Alex's Brownies'. He will be selling chocolate brownie for \$2.00 per piece.

Andrew Kirkcaldie and Curtis Watkins are running a business called 'Spring Rolls 'R' Us! They will be selling beef/pork spring rolls with a Filipino influence for \$2.00 per spring roll or 3 for \$5.00.



Pre orders can be made via the library in the boxes marked for each country. Please fill in an order form and put the correct money inside the envelope provided.

RECENT GRADUATES

Congratulations to former student Caitlin Clark, Who recently graduated from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Design Innovation.

YEAR 7 & 8 INTEGRATED STUDIES

In Term 2 Yr 7/8 Integrated Studies students researched and presented an Inquiry Learning topic about the Swinging Sixties.

Emily from Year 8 and Alissa from Year 7 of BG1 presented a poster and their action was to write an article for the school newsletter. Their driving question was:

"How did the hippies wanting peace, love and personal freedom, influence people in the 1960's?"

Ahbez Eden was influential in starting the hippy movement in the 1960's. He grew his hair long, lived outdoors and travelled around. The hippies fashion of bell bottom trousers, baggy tops, beads, headbands and jandals was colourful and many young people copied the clothing style. Hippies protested over sending U.S.A. troops to Vietnam. They believed in peace and love, not war. Hippies took drugs, smoked and loved music. The Woodstock Festival in 1969 will always be remembered for mud, bands and it changed the history of rock n roll.

By Alissa Whitman & Emily Bennett BG1

JUNIOR DISCO

In Term 2 our junior students enjoyed a 1960's themed disco. Thank you to all the staff who organised this great night, and to the senior students who assisted.

Best dressed boy and girl Ava Venn and Caleb Kellas-Taylor



Above: Emily Bennett, Shayla Moss, Jessica Marshall

Left: Emily Scannell, Kayleigh Wright, Tea Prentice, Shania Cochrane, Stevie Loudon

Below Left: Lily Moore, Takila Howell, Haylee Kereama, Olivia McBride, Georgia Marriner



NCEA FEES

Please note that these fees need to be paid by 1st September 2015 in order for students to be eligible for NCEA. Forms for financial assistance are available from the school office or downloadable from the school website.

How much does it cost?

Fees for Domestic Students

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| Any standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects | \$76.70 per candidate |
| Each additional Scholarship subject | \$76.70 per subject |

Fees for International Fee Paying Students

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Any standards | \$383.30 per candidate |
| Each Scholarship subject | \$102.20 per subject |

Can I get help to pay?

If you are a Domestic Student you can apply for Financial Assistance if your family cannot afford to pay your fees. To get this help your parents or caregivers must meet one of the following conditions:

- be receiving a Work and Income or StudyLink benefit or have a Community Services Card
- have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- have two or more children entered as candidates with fees more than \$200.

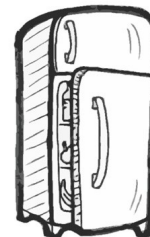
BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 boys who participated in the Aoraki Basketball Tournament last term and finished in Third Place in the B Grade -

Thomas Wilson, Jia Prentice, Evan Crosse, Damon Roberts, Liam Mulligan, Caleb Rippin, Shae Twaddle

WANTED

Fridge-freezer
for use in the School
Science Department.
Please contact the
school office.



MR IRELAND'S TECH TIP

Tip: <http://support.google.com/mail/answer/8154?hl=en>

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Linewize

Sign out by going to <http://autologout.linewize.net>



Above: Emily Ackroyd, Tahlia George, Toni Wilson, Sophie Pye



Right: Brooke Thomas, Olivia Andreassend, Maisie Callaghan, Ava Venn

SPORT NEWS

NETBALL

Good luck for the last few weeks of the season.

A senior A team, Yr 9 & 10 A & B teams,

Yr 7 & 8 A (black), B (blue) and C (white) teams.



BASKETBALL

We are coming towards the end of the season. Good luck for your last few games

A senior girls, senior boys, and junior (yr 9 & 10) girls.



ARCHERY

Our archery programme is after school on Thursdays.

Contact Sally if you are interested.



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES in the gym

Monday and Thursday lunchtimes Basketball team practices.

Tuesday— Boys Badminton (open to all students)

Wednesday—Girls Badminton (open to all students)

Friday—Table tennis (open to all students)

CLAYBIRD SHOOTING

Mr Callow and a group of students are continuing clay bird shooting on Monday afternoons.



This term we have teams entering

Chess tournament

Badminton tournament

Table Tennis tournament

Yr 7 & 8 rugby tournament

Netball tournament

Ski Trips



Tap/Jazz Concert

2.00pm
Sunday
2nd August



The Hayley Butcher Dance Studio is holding a fundraising concert at the college hall on Sunday August 2nd, starting at 2pm. See girls, aged between 4 and 12, perform a variety of tap and jazz routines.

Tickets: \$5 Children under 10 are free

The money raised will be used to buy costumes needed for the children when competing. The costumes will be held by the dance studio for future children to use to help keep the cost of competing down.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The school music department has received some generous donations of musical instruments from some of our families. **THANK YOU** for making it possible for more of our students to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

LIBRARY

Could all overdue library books please be returned to the library as soon as possible.



COLLEGE TROPHIES

Could all College cups and trophies awarded last year please be returned to the school office



What is the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme

ANZ has developed the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme with the New Zealand Olympic Committee to inspire and motivate New Zealand's youth, through the magic and celebration of the Olympic Games. Schools will be provided with resources and merchandise to provide opportunities, activities and incentives for students to live the Olympic Values.

In addition to the great resources schools can receive, ANZ has also tailored the programme so their staff can personally help schools earn credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre and also secure the chance to have an Olympic Ambassador visit the school.

ANZ staff will be encouraging people within their school communities to support their school and come to ANZ for their next home loan. For every home loan drawn down a school can earn credits to spend on items from the ANZ Awards Centre, items such as sports equipment or computers. As an example an eligible home loan drawn down by someone linked to your school to the value of \$50k or more will entitle the school to 800 credits. 800 credits equates to approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards centre.

You can find out more at anzolympicschools.co.nz

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Opihi College School Hall

Sat July 25 7.30pm

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Opihi College Netball Fundraiser

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